

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-9 and 13-16 are in the case, none as yet allowed.

***Restriction***

Applicants previously elected with traversal claims 8-9 and 13-16 of Group I (claims 8-9 and 13-16). The Examiner now having maintained the restriction requirement, applicants cancel the non-elected claims 17-19 without prejudice.

***35 U.S.C. 112***

Claims 8, 9, and 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants have amended the claims accordingly.

***35 U.S.C. 103***

Claims 8, 9, and 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Gundewar et al. (U.S. Patent 6,381,610,

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hereafter Gundewar).

With respect to claims 8 and 9, the Examiner observes that

"Gundewar does not expressly teach the types of procedures recited; however, these differences are only found in the non-functional descriptive material and are not functionally involved in the steps recited nor do they alter the recited structural elements."

[Office Action, page 4.]

Applicants have amended the claims to clarify that the limitations of the claims are functionally involved, and that the structural elements are altered as a result of execution of the steps.

As applicant's interpret Gundewar, a system is described that allows one to automatically design a project plan for an engineering or software design project. The designer selects tasks and work products from a list of templates. These templates are not defined by Gundewar, and it appears that the designer would have to develop them before they could be used. Based on this, Gundewar appears

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to be a system that, if enough templates are designed, would allow the user to build a generalized project plan that would be useable on projects, generally. Gundewar does not address how the project would assess, define and present a workshop for any specific piece of the customer's processes.

With respect to applicant's invention, like Gundewar, servers, laptops, and databases are used. However, applicant's invention differs from Gundewar in several key aspects. For example, unlike Gundewar, applicants provide an assessment tool that defines how to analyze the specific conditions that exist with a customer and conduct a gap analysis between the customer and the enterprise model. Applicants then present a specific solution uniquely tailored to the situation - that is, the customer requirements as revealed in the gap analysis. Gundewar provides no specificity, customization, or analysis of the situation.

The Examiner asserts that Gundewar may be modified to provide a general procurement and accounts payable application, including task templates, etc. [Office Action, page 6]. However, as the claims are now presented, applicants assert that specific requirements of the claims

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are not taught nor suggested by Gundewar.

Applicants urge that claims 8, 9, and 13-16 be allowed.

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

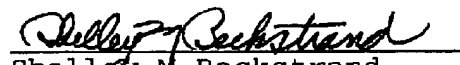
Applicants request that the Restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

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